PRESIDENT : That is very ingenious. But that does not arise.

MR. CHAZHIKATTU JOSEPH : അതു പറയുവാൻ ഒരു സംഗതിക്കുടി ഉണ്ട്.

PRESIDENT : The question is engaging the attention of the Government and orders have already been passed with regard to sending out wet fish. With regard to dry fish we have got certain restrictions.

MR. CHAZHIKATTU JOSEPH : സർ, അതിലൊന്നു പറയുവാനുണ്ട്. പുതുങ്ങളിൽ വായിക്കുകയുണ്ടായി ഗവണ്മെൻറു ആർഡറെല്ലാം പാസാക്കിക്കഴിഞ്ഞു എന്നു. ഇപ്പോൾ രണ്ടായിരവും നാലായിരവും രൂപാ വിലവരുന്ന മത്സ്യങ്ങൾ, കർക്കടകം ന്-ാം തീയതിയോ ൈാംതീയതിയോ മുതൽ ഈ ആർഡറിൻെറ ഫലമായി അവർ വച്ചു സൂക്ഷിക്കുകയാണു് ചെയ്യുന്നതു്. എന്നാൽ ആർഡർ ഇതുവരെ നടപ്പിൽ വന്നിട്ടുമില്ല. അതുകൊണ്ടു് അവർക്കു് അനുവധി പണം നഷ്ടം വരുന്നു കൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്നു.

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PRESIDENT : Mr. Kumara Das will look into that.

Lease granted to Messrs. Travancore Minerals Co., Ltd.

149. * **Mr. K. A. MOHAMED** (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*) : Will the Government be pleased to state ;

(*a*) whether the mining lease granted to Messrs. Travancore Minerals Co.. Ltd., has terminated ;

(*b*) the date of termination ; and

(*c*) whether they have entered into any new agreement with the Company to extend the period of lease ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 15-11-1943.

(*c*) No. Pending settlement of question of the renewal of the lease, the Company was permitted to continue mining operations till the 30th June 1945.

Mining Licenses issued to certain Companies.

150 * **MR. K. A. MOHAMED :** Will the Government be pleased to state the period for which mining licenses have been issued to (1) Messers. Hopkin and Williams (Travancore) Ltd., Chavara, (2) Messrs. F. X. Pereira and Sons Ltd., and (3) the Associated Mineral Co., Ltd. ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS : (1) Messrs. Hopkin and Williams (Travancore) Ltd.

Lease *for Manavalakurichi* area—15 years from 7-9-1933.

Lease for Chavara area—10 years from 30-1-1940.

(2) Messrs. F. X. Pereira and Sons (Travancore) Ltd.

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[Mr. C. Kumara Das.]

The Ilmenite lease expired on 10-6-1942 and the Monazite and Zircon lease on 14-6-1945. Pending final settlement of terms, the lease arrangement has been extended until further orders.

(3) The Associated Mineral Company Ltd.

No lease has been executed, but the lease arrangement has been sanctioned until further orders.

MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR (*Karunagappally* cum *Karthikappally*): കാപ്പ്കിൻ ആൻഡ വില്യംസ് ഫ കൊല്ലത്തേക്ക നടത്താൻ അനുവദിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടെന്ന കാണുന്നു. പിന്നീടും അവർ തുടർന്ന നടത്തുന്ന ഇ എന്തുകൊണ്ടാണ്?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: They will carry on the mining operation as long as the lease is in force.

MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR: ദിവാൻജി അവർകൾ പ്രസ്താവിച്ച ഇപ്പോ ലെ ഈ മാതിരി വ്യവസായങ്ങൾ ദേശീയമാക്കാൻ വിചാരിക്കുന്നു കൊണ്ട് .....

PRESIDENT: How can the Government break a contract? It is a contract entered into by my predecessor for ten years. How can we break that contract? All that can be said is that it will be very difficult for them to carry on any export. In this connection I may read the following communication from the Government of India on the subject.

> "By notification dated July 21st Monazite and Thorium have been transferred from part E of schedule to export trade notification of 29th January 1945 to part D. Result is that they cannot be exported anywhere even to other parts of British Empire, without licence. Further all export trade controllers in British India have been instructed to refer each application received in respect of these two minerals to Chief Controller of Exports, Commerce Department, New Delhi, who will inform them whether licence can be given. Reference should contain applicant's name, quantity involved, and name and address of firm to which sale is made."

The Government of India and this Government have made up their minds and the Government of India have passed orders that none of these sands will be exported from India. So whether there is a contract or not, this Government have decided that they can collect sand but they cannot export it.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU: Even though the term of Messrs. Pereira and Sons Ltd., has expired, the mining operations continue even now.

PRESIDENT: At present for war purposes we are allowing export not only for Pereira and Sons Ltd., but to Travancore Minerals and other Companies. To the extent to which they are required for the prosecution of the war it is being allowed to be exported and nothing more. We get a certificate from the British Government that it is necessary for war purposes and to that extent export is being allowed.

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MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU: May I know what steps Government have taken for the protection of the coastal area from the erosion of the sea?

PRESIDENT: That question does not arise.

Employers' Association in Shertallai.

151 * MR. P. S. MOHAMED: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they know the existence of an employers' association in Shertallai known as Travancore Cottage Industries and shippers Union Ltd., that represents the small factories at Shertallai and Alleppey?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: Government are aware of the existence of an employers' association at Shertallai known as the Travancore Cottage Industries and Shippers Union Ltd. It is reported to represent some of the factories outside the Alleppey Municipal town.

Labour Meeting.

152 * MR. K. VARGHESE ITHAC: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of the serious disturbance at Chengalomkunnu in connection with a labour meeting arranged at that place on the 28th Kumbhom 1120; and

(*b*) whether any prosecution has been launched by the Police in that connection?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

Factories at Shertallai.

153 * MR. P. S. MOHAMED: Will the Government be pleased to state whether the large majority of the factories working at Shertallai are only the sub-contractors of the factories working at Alleppey?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: Yes, most of them are sub-contractors. It is reported that about 6 of them are direct shippers.

Electric connection to Moovattupuzha town.

154 * MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) what factors prevent them from giving electric connection to Moovattupuzha town;

(*b*) whether the Government have not received necessary supplies of articles required for giving electric connection to that town;

(*c*) what is the quantity of electricity now produced there;

(*d*) what will be the increasing quantity when the third pipe line is put up and full scheme is completed; and

(*e*) what steps are in progress for the supply of electricity to Kallar near Pallivasal?

MR. P. JOSEPH JOHN (*Electrical Engineer to Government*): (*a*) Scarcity of line materials.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) 9000 K. W.

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